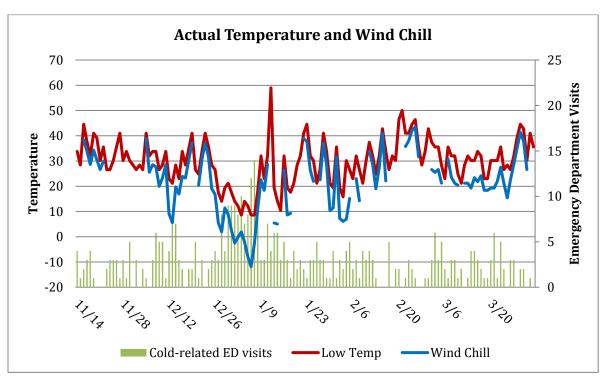
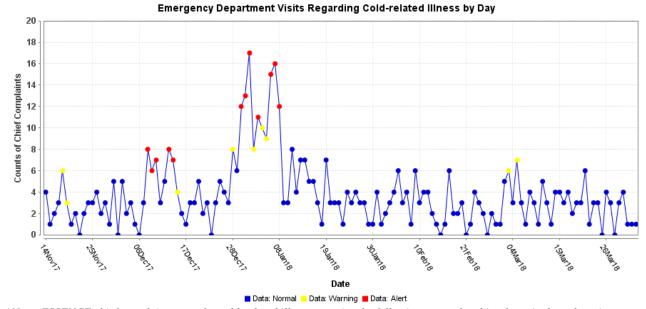


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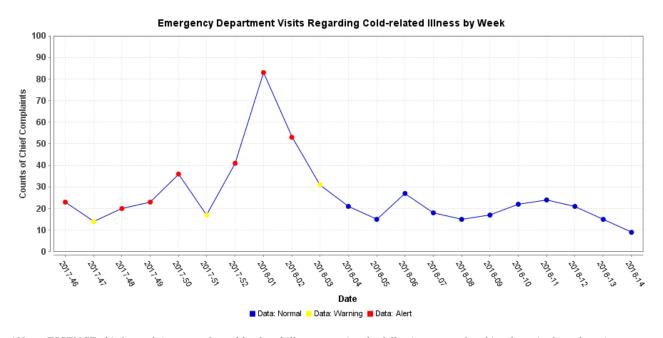
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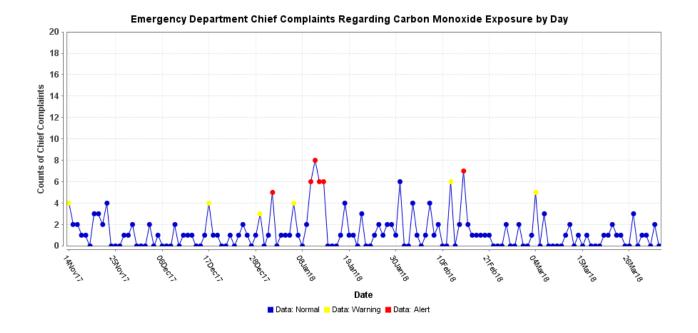
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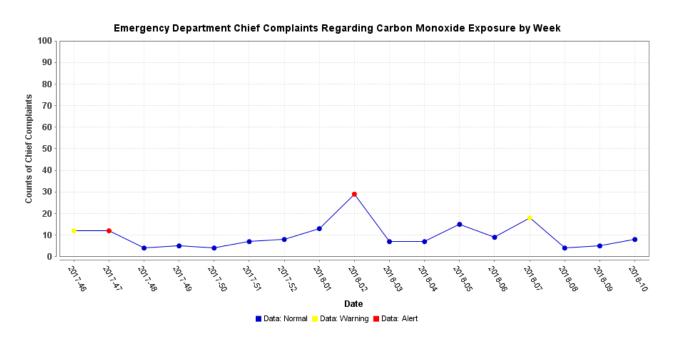


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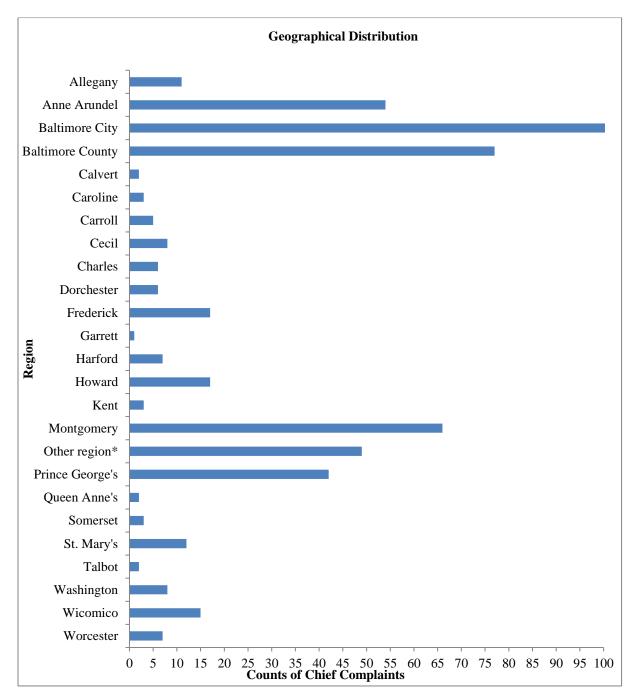


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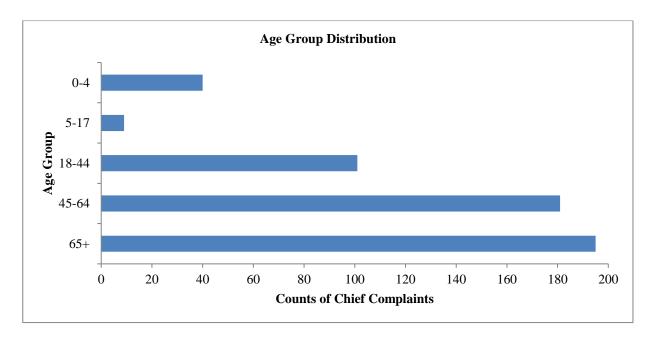


### Geographical Distribution of Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses for November 14, 2017 through April 2, 2018



\*Geographical distribution of emergency department chief complaints is based on patients' jurisdictions of residence. The "Other Region" category includes patient records without a ZIP code and patients who reside outside of Maryland.

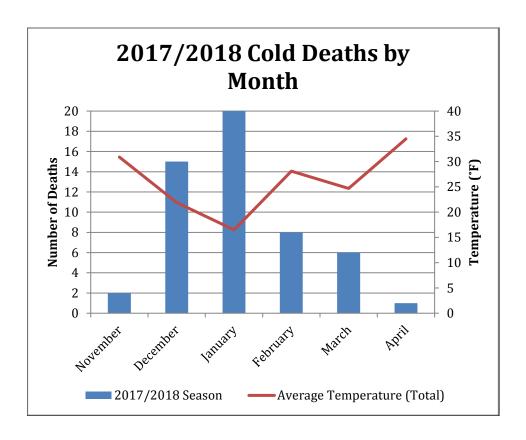
## Age Group Distribution of Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses for November 14, 2017 through April 2, 2018

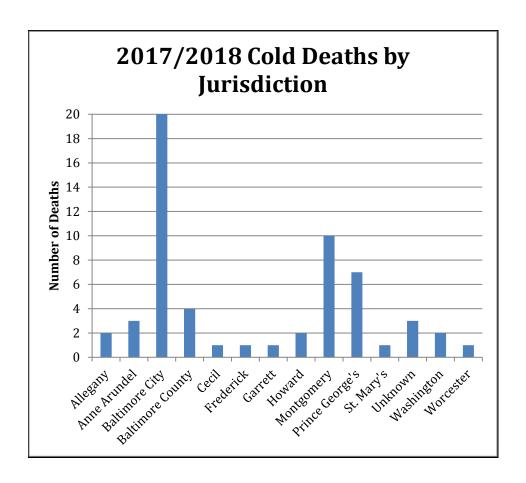


There have been 61 cold-related deaths in Maryland during the 2017-2018 reporting period this winter.

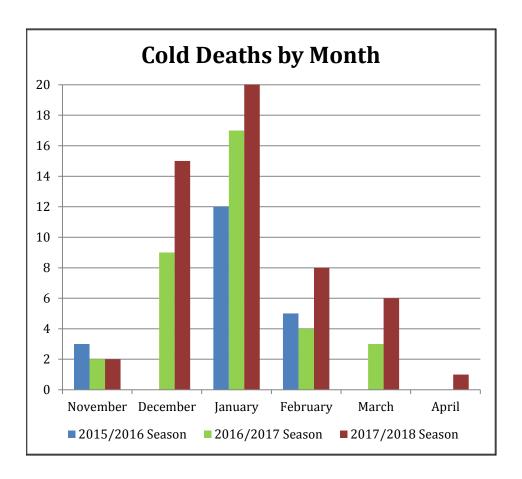
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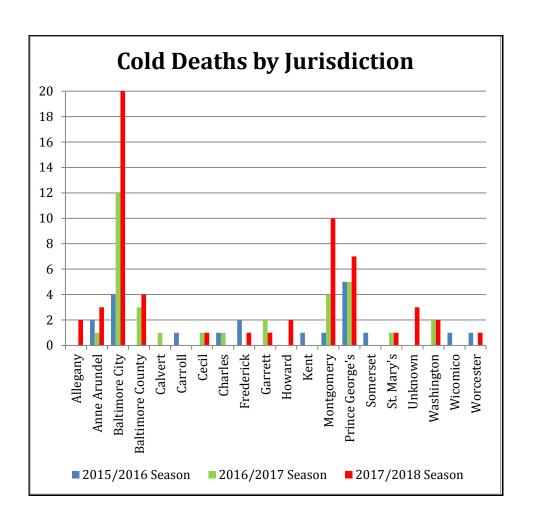
Sixteen deaths were suspected or presumed homeless individuals. Six deaths could not be determined whether the individuals were suspected or presumed homeless.





Compared to 61 cold-related deaths during the 2016-2017 monitoring period, there were 34 cold-related deaths in Maryland during the 2016-2017 monitoring period, and 20 cold-related deaths in Maryland during the 2015-2016 reporting period.





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